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Applicant	: Xu, et al.	Art Unit	: 1796
Serial No.	: 10/784,911	Examiner	: Kelechi C. Egwim
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Appellants traverse the assertion that the Appeal Brief is non-compliant. The examiner has asserted that the Summary Of The Invention (hereinafter, "the Summary") "does not include, for each independent claim, a CONCISE explanation of each CLAIMED subject matter, referring to each CLAIMED subject matter in each independent claim by referring to the specification by page and line number and drawings, if any."

The only independent claim is Claim 1, which is the claim cited in the Summary. Almost every single sentence in that section refers to a paragraph from the published application. This is entirely acceptable under the rules, and is a proper citation to particular portions of the specification since patent applications are published with their paragraphs numbered instead of with page and line numbers. Further, figure 4 is referenced in the Summary. The only other confusion Appellants believe the examiner may have is with respect to the use of "Id." Appellants assume that the examiner is well aware of this term, which is an abbreviation for Idem, which is latin and means "something that has been mentioned previously; the same." Therefore, when Id. appears in the Summary, it is referring to the previous paragraph citation.

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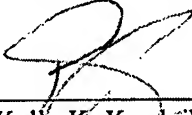
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As a result of the foregoing, the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief has been sent in error, and Appellants respectively request that the Appeal Brief be forwarded to the appeal board for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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